

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
PRICE RISE OF SUGAR .

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Will the Minister of COAL/COAL CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that price of sugar has increased 19 per cent from 1 October to 12 November, 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for such steep rise in price of sugar;
- (d) the amount and rate at which sugar was imported and exported during last two years, year-wise and country-wise rate thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to redress the situation?

ANSWER

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(a)&(b): The retail price of sugar in the four metro cities as on 01.10.2009 and 12.11.2009 along with the
details of percentage increase in sugar prices is given as under:

(Rs. per kg.)

Centre

On 1st Oct. 09

On 12th Nov, 09

Percentage increase in sugar prices.

Delhi 32.00

38.00

1 8.75%

Mumbai

33.00

37.00

12.12%

Kolkata

30.00

35.00

16.66%

Chennai

30.00

33.00

10.00%

(c): The low sugar production in the country during the last sugar season 2008-09 and the anticipated low production of sugar during the current sugar season 2009-10 has led to recent escalation in sugar prices.

(d): The Central Government has not undertaken any import/export of sugar. Export/import of sugar is undertaken by the sugar mills/ merchant exporters-importers as per their commercial prudence. As such the amount and rate at which sugar was imported/exported are not available. However, a statement indicating the country-wise quantity and value of import and export of sugar during the last two financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 is enclosed at Annexure-IA & IB respectively.

(e): Concerned with the fact that the production of sugar in the country during the last sugar season 2008-09 was less than the domestic demand and that the estimated sugar production in the current sugar season 2009-10 is also expected to be substantially lower than the overall demand of sugar in the country, the Central Government has allowed duty-free import of white/refined and raw sugar to bridge the gap between demand and production as well as to moderate prices of sugar in the open market. Details of these measures are given at Annexure-II.